

Bond Number: 0271888

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS:

That we, **Mix Energy Inc.** as Principal, and **International Fidelity Insurance Company**, a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of New Jersey (hereinafter called Surety), as Surety, are held and firmly bound unto **The People of the State of Illinois** as Obligor, in the penal sum of **One Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$150,000)**, for the payments of which we the said Principal and the said Surety, bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and administrators, successors and assigns, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents.

The Condition of this obligation is such that whereas, the Principal has made application to the Oblige for a license as a gas supplier, and

Whereas, the Principal is required to furnish a bond in the amount of \$150,000 for the full and faithful performance of all duties and obligations of Mx Energy Inc. as an AGS.

NOW, THEREFORE, if said Principal well and truly complies with Article 19 of the Illinois public Utilities Act (220 ILCS 5/19-100), and 83 Ill. Adm. Code 551, and conducts business in conformity therewith, then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force and effect.

This bond shall be in effect for a period of not less than one year. The effective date of this bond shall be July 24, 2002 and shall be continuous until cancelled as herein stated. This bond may be canceled by the Surety by sending notice in writing to the Obligee stating when, not less than thirty days thereafter, liability hereunder shall terminate as to subsequent acts or omissions of the Principal.

Principal is obligated for payment in full for the cost of this bond.

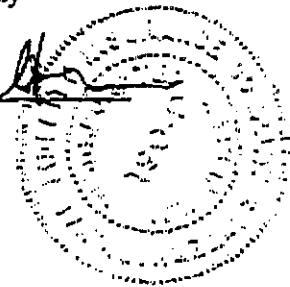
Signed, sealed and dated this 24th day of July 2002.

Mx Energy Inc.
President

By: _____
Title: _____

International Fidelity Insurance Company

By: Spencer H. Zetler
Attorney-in-Fact



TEL (973) 624-2200

POWER OF ATTORNEY**INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY**

HOME OFFICE: ONE NEWARK CENTER, 20TH FLOOR

NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102-5207

BOND NO. 0271888

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS: That INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and having its principal office in the City of Newark, New Jersey, does hereby constitute and appoint

WILLIAM H. RUTTO, SPENCER H. ZETTLER, MATTHEW L. J. CLARKE

its true and lawful attorney(s)-in-fact to execute, seal and deliver for and on its behalf as aforesaid, any and all bonds and undertakings, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof which may be allowed, required or permitted by law, statute, rule, regulation, contract or otherwise, and the execution of such instrument(s) in pursuance of these presents, shall be as binding upon the said INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY, as fully and amply, to all intents and purposes, as if the same had been duly executed and acknowledged by its regularly elected officers at its principal office.

This Power of Attorney is executed, and may be certified in and may be revoked, pursuant to and by authority of Article 3, Section 3, of the By-Laws adopted by the Board of Directors of INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY at a meeting called and held on the 7th day of February, 1974.

The President or any Vice President, Executive Vice President, Secretary or Assistant Secretary, shall have power and authority

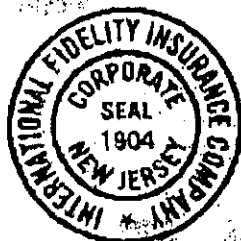
- (1) To appoint Attorneys-in-fact, and to authorize them to execute on behalf of the Company, and attach the Seal of the Company thereto, bonds and undertakings, contracts of indemnity and other writings obligatory in the nature thereof; and
- (2) To remove, at any time, any such Attorney-in-fact and revoke the authority given.

Further, this Power of Attorney is signed and sealed by facsimile pursuant to resolution of the Board of Directors of said Company adopted at a meeting duly called and held on the 29th day of April, 1982 of which the following is a true excerpt:

Now therefore the signatures of such officers and the seal of the Company may be affixed to any such power of attorney or any certificate relating thereto by facsimile, and any such power of attorney or certificate bearing such facsimile signatures or facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company and any such power so executed and certified by facsimile signatures and facsimile seal shall be valid and binding upon the Company in the future with respect to any bond or undertaking to which it is attached.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY has caused this instrument to be signed and its corporate seal to be affixed by its authorized officer, this 1st day of May, A.D. 1991.

INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY



STATE OF NEW JERSEY
County of Essex

Executive Vice President

On this 1st day of June, 1992, before me came the individual who executed the preceding instrument, to me personally known, and, being by me duly sworn, said that he is the therein described and authorized officer of the INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY; that the seal affixed to said instrument is the Corporate Seal of said Company; that the said Corporate Seal and his signature were duly affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said Company.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my Official Seal, at the City of Newark, New Jersey the day and year first above written.



Sharon A. Ginsberg
A NOTARY PUBLIC OF NEW JERSEY
My Commission Expires Sept. 1, 1998

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned officer of INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing copy of the Power of Attorney and affidavit, and the copy of the Section of the By-Laws of said Company as set forth in said Power of Attorney with the ORIGINALS ON FILE IN THE HOME OFFICE OF SAID COMPANY, and that the same are correct transcripts thereof; and of the whole of the said original, and that the said Power of Attorney has not been revoked and is now in full force and effect.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 24th day of July 2002.

Maria M. Branco
Assistant Secretary

INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY
ONE NEWARK CENTER, 20TH FLOOR, NEWARK, NEW JERSEY 07102-5207

STATEMENT OF ASSETS, LIABILITIES, SURPLUS AND OTHER FUNDS

AT DECEMBER 31, 2001

ASSETS

Bonds (Amortized Value)	\$31,295,517
Preferred Stocks	2,356,830
Common Stocks (Market Value)	5,852,409
Mortgage Loans on Real Estate	1,999,910
Real Estate	32,000
Cash & Bank Deposits	9,663,951
Short Term Investments	2,854,406
Unpaid Premiums & Assumed Balances	1,523,612
Reinsurance Recoverable on Loss Payments	2,771,329
Electronic Data Processing Equipment	240,585
Interest & Dividends Due and Accrued	564,642
Federal & Foreign Income Tax Recoverable	500,000
Funds Held in Escrow Accounts	11,551,107
Collateral Funds Held Under Contract	(11,551,107)
Other Assets	399,351
TOTAL ASSETS	60,594,541

LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS

Losses (Reported Losses Net as to Reinsurance Ceded and Incurred But Not Reported Losses)	\$8,841,585
Loss Adjustment Expenses	3,850,232
Contingent Commissions & Other Similar Charges	910,812
Other Expenses (Excluding Taxes, Licenses and Fees)	257,311
Taxes, Licenses & Fees (Excluding Federal Income Tax)	372,469
Federal & Foreign Income Taxes	12,000
Unearned Premiums	9,435,874
Ceded Reinsurance Premiums Payable	1,999,615
Funds Held by Company Under Reinsurance Treaties	304,433
Amounts Withheld by Company for Account of Others	191,841
Liability for Unauthorized Reinsurance	672,484
Payable for Securities	127,912
Other Liabilities	3,075
TOTAL LIABILITIES	26,979,643

Common Capital Stock	\$1,500,000
Gross Paid-in & Contributed Surplus	374,600
Unassigned Funds (Surplus)	31,740,298
Surplus as Regards Policyholders	33,614,898
TOTAL LIABILITIES, SURPLUS & OTHER FUNDS	60,594,541

I, Francis L. Mizerhoff, President of INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY, certify that the foregoing is a fair statement of Assets, Liabilities, Surplus and Other Funds of this Company, at the close of business, December 31, 2001, as reflected by its books and records and as reported in its statement on file with the Insurance Department of the State of New Jersey.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand and affixed the seal of the Company, this 25th day of February, 2002.

INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INSURANCE COMPANY

President

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL (Individual)

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

On this _____ day of _____, in the year _____, before me personally come(s) _____ to me known and known to me to be the person(s) who (is) (are) described in and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledges to me that he executed the same.

NOTARY PUBLIC

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL (Partnership)

STATE OF _____
COUNTY OF _____

On this _____ day of _____, in the year _____, before me personally come(s) _____ a member of the co-partnership of _____, to me known and known to me to be the person who is described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledges to me that he executed the same as and for the act and deed of the said co-partnership.

NOTARY PUBLIC

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF PRINCIPAL (Corporation)

STATE OF Connecticut
COUNTY OF Fairfield

On this 24th day of July, in the year 2002, before me personally come(s) Jeffrey May to me known, who, being by me duly sworn, deposes and says that he resides in the City of Westport, CT that he is the President of the Corporation the corporation described in and which executed this foregoing instrument; that he knows the seal of the said corporation; that the seal affixed to the said instrument in such corporate seal; that it was so affixed by the order of the Board of Directors of said corporation, and that he signed his name thereto by like order.

NOTARY PUBLIC

ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF SURETY

STATE OF NEW YORK
COUNTY OF NEW YORK

On this 24th day of July in the year 2002, before me personally come(s) Spencer H. Zettler, Attorney(s)-in-Fact of International Fidelity Insurance Company with whom I am personally acquainted, and who, being by me duly sworn, says that he reside(s) in Commack, NY that he is (are) the Attorney(s)-in-Fact of International Fidelity Insurance Company the company described in and which executed the within instrument; that he know(s) the corporate seal of such Company; and that the seal affixed to the within instrument is such corporate seal and that it was affixed by order of the Board of Directors of said Company, and that he signed said instrument as Attorney(s)-in-Fact of said Company by like order.

NOTARY PUBLIC

WILLIAM H. HUTTO
Notary Public, State Of New York
No. 01HU5077990
Qualified in New York County
Commission Expires May 19, 2003

2001 BEST'S KEY RATING GUIDE — PROPERTY/CASUALTY EDITION

ANNUAL STATEMENT DATA FOR YEARS 1996 – 2000

Company Name Rating Unit Name Group Affiliation Principal Officer Mailing Address Dom. : Regan Bus. : Struct. : Mktg. Specialty Phone #	Best's Rating	FSC	Balance Sheet										Operations							
			Cash & Short- Term Invest. (%)	Stocks and Bonds (%)	All Other Assets (%)	Total Admitted Assets (\$200)	Loss Res. (%)	Un- earned Prem. (%)	All Other Lia. (%)	Total Liabilities (\$200)	Policy- holders' Surplus (\$200)	Direct Premiums Written (\$200)	Net Premiums Written (\$200)	Bud. Net Ret. (%)	Net Under- writing Income (\$200)	Net Investment Income (\$200)	Profit Operating Income (\$200)	Net Income (\$200)		
AMB #	NAIC #		Date Year																	
INTEGRITY MUTUAL INS CO Integrity Mutual Insurance Company (No Group Affiliation) Richard J. Schuler, Pres. & CEO P.O. Box 539 Appleton, WI 54912 WI: 1933 : Mutual : Agency Comm Lines, Personal Lines 920-734-4511																				
AMB # 00516	NAIC # 14303	B+	'96	3.3	78.2	17.0	50,281	57.0	29.7	12.3	38,288	14,012	31,332	28,852	85.4	-798	2,497	1,780	1,684	
			'97	8.5	73.0	18.4	48,803	50.2	33.2	10.5	34,511	14,292	32,379	27,430	84.8	-3,251	2,439	-727	-310	
			'98	3.2	74.2	22.6	47,172	52.6	36.7	8.7	31,778	15,388	34,803	27,449	79.3	-2,192	2,180	81	713	
		FSC V	'99	6.3	74.0	18.8	49,294	45.5	40.4	12.1	33,045	16,253	40,386	29,643	73.1	-447	2,138	1,842	1,527	
			'00	2.6	72.0	25.1	52,028	39.7	48.4	13.8	37,935	14,093	47,587	39,413	82.8	-4,161	2,353	-1,571	-908	
Rating History: B+, 05/04/01; B++, 05/10/00; B++, 03/29/99; B++, 05/11/98; B++, 12/16/96																				
INTERBOND MUTUAL INSURANCE CO Interbond Mutual Indemnity Insurance Co (No Group Affiliation) Andrew E. Feola, President 165 Mineola Boulevard Mineola, NY 11501 NY: 1914 : Mutual : Broker Personal Auto, Homeowners 516-248-1100																				
AMB # 00518	NAIC # 14311	B++	'96	2.5	88.1	9.4	78,141	68.2	29.2	1.6	63,196	15,006	36,991	32,878	88.8	-2,448	4,318	1,782	1,000	
			'97	1.1	88.4	10.5	80,425	60.0	26.7	1.3	65,975	16,450	36,721	33,170	90.3	-2,194	4,283	1,884	1,318	
			'98	5.7	83.2	11.1	83,564	65.8	32.4	1.6	64,883	18,701	40,187	38,168	94.9	-1,087	4,178	2,864	2,483	
		FSC V	'99	8.3	81.8	12.1	84,185	67.0	31.8	1.2	65,928	19,212	40,715	38,211	93.8	-5,485	3,958	-1,319	-405	
			'00	9.2	75.9	14.8	91,515	62.7	35.8	1.5	73,085	18,450	58,510	49,421	82.4	-4,387	3,883	129	79	
Rating History: B++, 06/25/01; B++, 06/15/00; B++, 05/03/99; B++, 06/15/98; B++, 03/27/97																				
INTERINS EXCH OF THE AUTO CLUB Automobile Club of Southern Calif Group Automobile Club of Southern Calif Group Thomas V. McKernan, Jr., President P.O. Box 25001 Santa Ana, CA 92708-0001 CA: 1812 : Recip Exchng : Director Response Personal Lines 800-924-6141																				
AMB # 00186	NAIC # 15558	A+	'96	9.8	78.4	13.8	2,422,630	38.1	38.6	21.3	1,289,847	1,132,983	1,007,154	925,819	98.9	41,788	97,370	166,257	152,316	
			'97	9.0	78.4	12.7	2,704,189	33.8	38.8	27.4	1,422,427	1,281,741	1,005,170	1,001,068	98.7	57,224	102,896	180,389	184,015	
			'98	8.5	79.7	11.8	2,885,524	38.7	41.2	22.1	1,427,888	1,557,638	1,160,102	1,151,713	99.3	47,805	114,812	78,632	76,500	
		FSC XIV	'99	7.6	81.2	11.2	3,162,729	38.8	43.3	19.8	1,479,416	1,803,313	1,260,415	1,253,875	99.5	-17,542	126,328	139,757	124,863	
			'00	9.5	79.1	11.3	3,320,321	39.0	43.6	17.4	1,545,521	1,780,799	1,334,188	1,333,137	99.7	-70,666	145,715	107,814	117,160	
Rating History: A+ g, 04/06/01; A+, 06/23/00; A+, 06/28/99; A+, 04/13/98; A+, 03/31/97																				
INTERLEX INSURANCE COMPANY IFIC Insurance Group Inc IFIC Insurance Group Inc Andrew K. Bennett, President & CEO 1803 East Battlefield Springfield, MD 20684 MD: 1984 : Stock : Agency Lawyer Prof Lab 417-688-1010																				
AMB # 11683	NAIC # 10027	A-	'96	32.8	68.0	1.6	6,472	28.6	42.1	29.4	568	5,304	621	368	59.2	-291	363	80	75	
			'97	16.9	78.3	4.6	6,787	47.4	42.0	10.6	825	5,861	1,137	626	55.1	-445	388	-46	-46	
			'98	31.0	83.6	5.3	7,371	50.8	31.7	17.5	1,672	5,889	1,428	880	61.6	-573	409	-164	-158	
		FSC VIII	'99	13.6	70.5	16.0	10,086	64.4	11.0	4.5	4,785	5,284	1,884	5,076	90.9	-836	428	-406	-405	
			'00	9.5	78.4	12.2	14,186	65.9	28.7	4.4	9,832	4,354	2,421	7,485	92.5	-1,378	655	-691	-691	
Rating History: A- p, 10/18/00; A- p, 11/09/99; A- p, 06/28/99; B+ u, 10/08/98; B+, 05/04/98																				
INTERMED INSURANCE COMPANY IFIC Insurance Group Inc IFIC Insurance Group Inc Andrew K. Bennett, President & CEO 1903 East Battlefield Springfield, MD 20684 MD: 1977 : Stock : Agency Medical Mal 417-688-1010																				
AMB # 10408	NAIC # 33367	A-	'96	29.5	61.5	9.1	50,345	80.2	18.1	1.6	31,843	18,403	7,500	3,110	41.3	-8,415	2,204	-4,148	-2,012	
			'97	11.8	68.2	0.0	45,808	73.8	24.8	1.4	27,979	17,830	8,404	5,170	55.0	-2,847	2,237	-439	-439	
			'98	24.4	73.8	1.8	44,928	76.1	29.4	1.1	30,885	14,034	8,467	5,904	62.4	-6,504	2,430	-4,074	-4,009	
		FSC VIII	'99	7.8	83.0	1.5	44,829	80.0	4.2	15.8	30,944	13,685	7,711	7,882	66.7	-2,142	2,273	131	160	
			'00	3.8	95.1	1.0	54,149	70.7	18.0	11.2	33,226	20,923	12,042	15,144	85.3	-2,200	2,838	934	608	
Rating History: A- p, 10/18/00; A- p, 11/09/99; A- p, 06/28/99; B+ gu, 10/08/98; B+ g, 05/04/98																				
INTERNATIONAL BUS & MARC RE International Business & Marine Reins Co Old Republic General Insurance Group Aldo C. Zuccaro, President 307 North Michigan Avenue Chicago, IL 60601 IL: 1981 : Stock : Agency Workers' Comp, Reins 312-348-8100																				
AMB # 02383	NAIC # 24138	A	'96	3.2	81.5	5.2	443,421	89.8	8.0	4.4	296,032	147,389	15,945	51,381	98.9	8,548	27,013	38,853	28,046	
			'97	1.4	84.3	4.3	418,881	80.4	6.8	3.8	277,884	139,117	21,827	31,607	98.8	203	25,078	27,160	28,727	
			'98	0.8	82.3	8.9	358,425	66.7	4.8	9.0	217,305	101,120	21,269	22,833	98.5	3,741	24,934	28,745	24,145	
		FSC VIII	'99	1.8	80.7	7.5	342,148	84.8	4.9	10.3	234,060	108,068	17,883	22,376	99.5	2,047	19,803	21,895	17,108	
			'00	0.8	81.3	7.8	337,488	84.1	7.0	8.9	232,870	104,609	18,658	24,160	98.9	-9,463	18,351	10,528	9,811	
Rating History: A, 08/26/00; A-, 06/07/99; A-, 12/15/97; A-, 09/30/96; A-, 07/05/96																				
INTERNATIONAL CREDIT N AMER RE International Credit of NA Reins Inc (No Group Affiliation) Steven J. Tynan, President P.O. Box 368 Chester, CT 06412 NY: 1999 : Stock : Other In Run On 888-526-3546																				
AMB # 10780	NAIC # 34860	NR-3	'96	51.8	47.4	1.0	51,282	74.5	1.8	23.7	6,818	44,466	...	172	37.8	-1,705	2,780	945	640	
			'97	7.9	89.4	2.8	23,419	68.0	1.2	10.9	5,891	17,528	...	15	79.8	-127	1,487	1,563	2,000	
			'98	82.4	38.6	0.8	22,471	66.7	0.1	13.2	2,335	20,138	...	-41	100.0	802	1,241	2,043	2,004	
		FSC IV	'99	32.3	88.5	1.1	29,720	102.0	...	-2.8	490	22,229	...	100.0	1,404	1,087	2,084	2,084	2,084	
			'00	97.5	...	2.5	8,467	68.1	...	21.8	17.8	7,580	...	-1	100.0	648	1,008	200	360	
Rating History: NR-3, 05/10/01; NR-3, 06/27/00; NR-3, 06/01/99; NR-3, 06/22/98; NR-3, 05/12/97																				
INTERNATIONAL FIDELITY INS CO International Fidelity Insurance Company (No Group Affiliation) F. L. Miller/hoff, President One Newark Center, 20th Floor Newark, NJ 07102 NJ: 1905 : Stock : Agency Surety 973-624-7200																				
AMB # 00520	NAIC # 11592	A-	'96	14.0	72.2	13.3	68,890	50.8	44.4	5.7	36,217	38,773	35,377	30,806	87.1	148	3,128	4,251	2,288	
			'97	14.4	75.8	9.7	64,370	49.5	58.5	-5.0	27,425	36,945	38,915	33,801	86.0	199	3,001	3,730	2,000	
			'98	19.5	88.7	15.7	63,074	59.2	48.1	-7.4	24,482	38,592	35,525	30,888	87.3	-3,992	2,712	-562	1,000	
		FSC VI	'99	13.7	84.0	21.4	58,581	60.0	41.2	-1.2	19,612	38,978	29,359	24,646	84.0	-5,317	2,282	-3,102	-141	
			'00	23.8	81.0	15.4	58,400	57.5	38.4	6.1	23,398	36,015	34,985	30,121	85.3	-4,148	1,941	-2,232	-288	
Rating History: A-, 04/28/01; A-, 04/21/00; A-, 10/28/98; A-, 10/27/97; A-, 05/13/98																				
INTERNATIONAL INDEMNITY CO International Indemnity Company Quonsetway Financial Holdings Limited Steven D. Tufts, President P.O. Box 105051 Atlanta, GA 30348 GA: 1117 : Stock : Broker Non-Sig Auto, Contra Auto 770-981-1100																				
AMB # 03709	NAIC # 35777	F	'96	3.5	67.8	28.7	56,980	70.9	25.9	3.2	32,748	24,242	16,743	27,052	90.5	-4,780	2,253	-2,515	-580	
			'97	10.1	64.1	26.8	58,526	63.9	28.9	6.3	36,874	22,652	11,809	23,351	90.9	-481	1,435	888	1,000	
			'98	11.4	68.9	40.5	53,521	60.3	41.0	-1.3	30,388	19,733	21,036	31,671	95.2	-7,513	1,679	-6,054	-4,000	
			'99	9.0	68.5	27.4	58,653	61.0	32.2	-1.1	38,610	20,043	20,448	28,438	105.8	-81	950	2,130	2,000	
			'00
Rating History: F, 01/18/01; E, 11/16/00; B g, 10/02/00; B++g, 07/06/99; B++gu, 05/07/99																				